

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

**Please replace the paragraph on page 82, line 2, with the following rewritten paragraph:**

(7) The present invention also applies to the methods used by the devices described above. These methods may be realized by computer programs that are executed by computers. Such computer programs may be distributed ~~as digital signals~~.

**Please replace the paragraph on page 82, line 7 with the following rewritten paragraph:**

The present invention may be realized by a computer-readable recording medium, such as a flexible disk, a hard disk, a CD-ROM, an MO, a DVD, a DVD-ROM, a DVD-RAM, or a semiconductor memory, on which computer programs ~~and/or digital signals~~ mentioned above are recorded. Conversely, the invention may also be realized by a computer program ~~and/or digital signal~~ that is recorded on a recording medium.

**Please replace the paragraph on page 82, line 15 with the following rewritten paragraph:**

Computer programs ~~or digital signals~~ that achieve the invention may also be transmitted via a network, such as an electronic communication network, a wired or wireless communication network, or the Internet.

**Please replace the paragraph on page 82, line 24 with the following rewritten paragraph:**

The computer programs ~~and/or digital signals~~ may be provided to an independent computer system by distributing a recording medium on which the computer programs ~~and/or digital signals~~ are recorded, or by transmitting the computer program ~~and/or digital signals~~ via a network. The independent computer system may then execute the computer program ~~and/or digital signals~~ to function as the present invention.